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NEWS RELEASE

SAPD investigating Custodial Death

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an in custody death reveals the following: On June 7, 2007, at approximately 9:30 pm, San Antonio Police officers made a traffic stop at IH 37 @ Fair Ave. Officers had information that the vehicle's occupants were in possession of narcotics. The driver, (SP1), did not have a valid driver's license and was arrested. The passenger, (SP2), was found to be in possession of narcotics. A K-9 officer made the scene and recovered cocaine & marijuana from inside the vehicle. Both suspects were transported to 401 S. Frio to be magisterated for the above listed offenses. Shortly after being booked into jail SP1 became ill and went into medical distress. EMS made the location and began treating the suspect. The suspect died at the scene.

According to a witness, it is believed that SP1 concealed narcotics, by swallowing them, before officers made contact with him at the original traffic stop. Homicide Detectives were also told that after being booked and placed in a holding cell, SP1 was attempting to "cough up" the narcotics to dispose of them.

The suspect was a 32 year old Hispanic male.

The suspect's identity will be withheld pending next of kin notification.

The San Antonio Police Department's shooting Team is handling the investigation and will submit their findings to Police Chief William P. McManus and the Bexar County District Attorney's Office.

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